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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In Re: U.S. National Phase application of:

Robert Patrick HOF, et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Based on The Netherlands App.:

1015495

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For:

PROCESS FOR RACEMISING AN ENANTIOMER-ENRICHED SCHIFF BASE OF AN AMINO ACID AMIDE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows: